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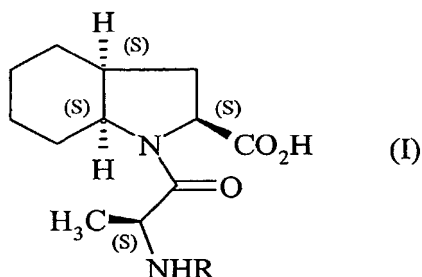
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**NOUVEAU PROCEDE DE SYNTHESE DE DERIVES DE L'ACIDE (2S, 3aS, 7aS)-
1-[(S)-ALANYL]-OCTAHYDRO-1H-INDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIQUE ET
APPLICATION A LA SYNTHESE DU PERINDOPRIL**

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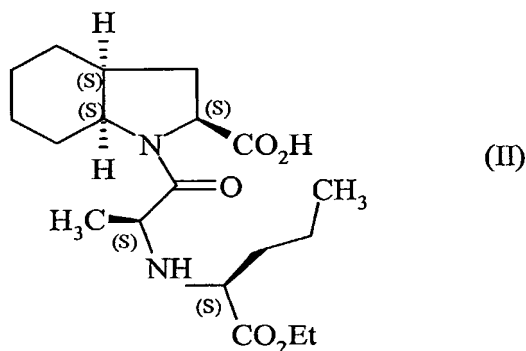
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La présente invention concerne un procédé de synthèse des composés de formule (I) :



dans laquelle R représente un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupement protecteur de la fonction amino,

5 et leur application à la synthèse du perindopril de formule (II) :



et de ses sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables.

Le perindopril, ainsi que ses sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables, et plus particulièrement son sel de tert-butylamine, possèdent des propriétés pharmacologiques intéressantes.

10 Leur principale propriété est d'inhiber l'enzyme de conversion de l'angiotensine I (ou kininase II), ce qui permet d'une part d'empêcher la transformation du décapeptide angiotensine I en octapeptide angiotensine II (vasoconstricteur), et d'autre part de prévenir la dégradation de la bradykinine (vasodilatateur) en peptide inactif.

15 Ces deux actions contribuent aux effets bénéfiques du perindopril dans les maladies cardiovasculaires, tout particulièrement l'hypertension artérielle et l'insuffisance cardiaque.

Le perindopril, sa préparation et son utilisation en thérapeutique ont été décrits dans le brevet européen EP 0 049 658.

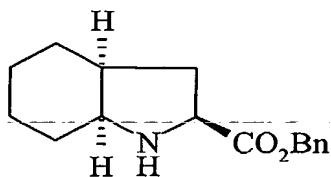
Compte-tenu de l'intérêt pharmaceutique de ce composé, il était important de pouvoir y accéder avec un procédé de synthèse performant, facilement transposable à l'échelle industrielle, conduisant au perindopril avec un bon rendement et une excellente pureté.

Le brevet EP 0 308 341 décrit la synthèse industrielle du perindopril par couplage de l'ester benzylique de l'acide (2*S*, 3*aS*, 7*aS*)-octahydroindole 2-carboxylique avec l'ester éthylique de la N-[(*S*)-1-carboxybutyl]-(*S*)-alanine en présence de dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, suivie de la déprotection du groupement carboxylique de l'hétérocycle par hydrogénation catalytique.

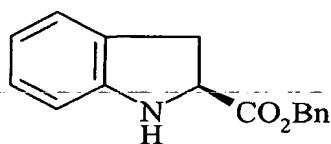
Ce procédé présente des inconvénients liés à l'utilisation du dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

La Demanderesse a mis au point un procédé de synthèse du perindopril qui utilise d'autres agents de couplage.

Plus spécifiquement, la présente invention concerne un procédé de synthèse du perindopril caractérisé en ce que l'on met en réaction l'ester benzylique de formule (IIIa) ou (IIIb) :



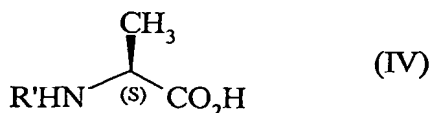
(IIIa)



(IIIb)

ou le sel d'addition de l'ester de formule (IIIa) ou (IIIb) avec un acide minéral ou organique,

avec le dérivé de l'alanine de formule (IV) :



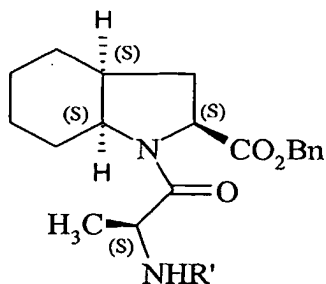
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dans laquelle R' représente un groupement protecteur de la fonction amino,

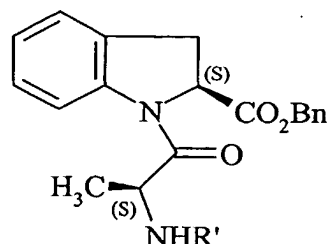
en présence d'un agent de couplage choisi parmi les réactifs et couples de réactifs suivants :

- (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate,
(1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,
5 (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate/1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,
(1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / N-hydroxysuccinimide,
(1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / 3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazine,
10 (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / N-hydroxyphthalimide,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / N-hydroxysuccinimide,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / 3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazine,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / N-hydroxyphthalimide,
15 O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium hexafluorophosphate,
O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium hexafluorophosphate,
O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
benzotriazol-1-yl-oxytripyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
benzotriazol-1-yl-oxy-tris-(diméthylamino)-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
20 O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate,
O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(pentaméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate,
chloro-tripyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
chloro-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-formamidinium hexafluorophosphate,
chloro-1,1,3,3-bis(pentaméthylène)-formamidinium hexafluorophosphate,
25 N-éthoxycarbonyl-2-éthoxy-1,2-dihydroquinoléine,
O-[(éthoxycarbonyl)-cyanométhylénamino]-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium
30 tétrafluoroborate / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

- O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate /N-méthylmorpholine,
O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate /collidine,
5 O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate/1-hydroxy-benzotriazole,
O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate,
10 O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate/1-hydroxy-benzotriazole,
O-(N-succinimidyl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
O-(N-succinimidyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)uronium tétrafluoroborate,
O-(N-succinimidyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)uronium tétrafluoroborate/1-hydroxy-
15 benzotriazole,
O-(5-norbornène-2,3-dicarboximido)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
anhydride propanephosphonique,
imide de l'acide N-hydroxy-5-norbornène-2,3-dicarboxylique,
et N-hydroxy-1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-pyridine,
20 en présence éventuelle de base,
- pour conduire respectivement au composé de formule (Va) ou (Vb), selon que l'on est parti du composé de formule (IIIa) ou (IIIb) :



(Va)



(Vb)

dans laquelle R' est tel que défini précédemment,

que l'on soumet à une réaction d'hydrogénation catalytique en présence de palladium, pour conduire au produit de formule (I).

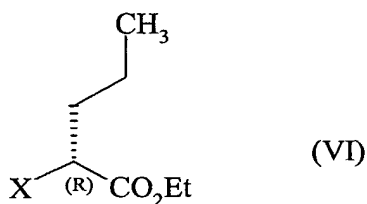
Parmi les groupements protecteurs de la fonction amino utilisables dans la présente invention, on peut citer à titre non limitatif les groupements tert-butyloxycarbone,
5 benzyle et benzyloxycarbone.

L'hydrogénation catalytique du composé de formule (Va) est préférentiellement effectuée sous une pression d'hydrogène inférieure à 10 bars.

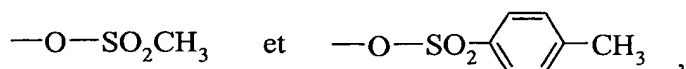
L'hydrogénation catalytique du composé de formule (Vb) est préférentiellement effectuée sous une pression d'hydrogène comprise entre 10 et 35 bars.

10 Le composé de formule (I) ainsi obtenu est ensuite soumis, le cas échéant, à une réaction de déprotection de la fonction amino, suivie d'une réaction de couplage, soit avec le 2-oxo-pentanoate d'éthyle dans des conditions d'amination réductrice,

soit avec un composé de formule (VI) :



15 dans laquelle X représente un groupement partant choisi parmi atome d'halogène,



pour conduire au perindopril optiquement pur, que l'on transforme, si on le souhaite, en un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable tel que le sel de tert-butylamine.

Les exemples ci-dessous illustrent l'invention.

Exemple 1 : *Acide (2S, 3aS, 7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylique / méthode 1 :*

Stade A : *(2S, 3aS, 7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(Tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylate de benzyle :*

- 5 Dans un réacteur sous agitation sont introduits 200 g du paratoluènesulfonate de l'ester benzylique de l'acide (2S, 3aS, 7aS)-octahydroindole 2-carboxylique, 65 ml de triéthylamine, 1 l d'acétate d'éthyle puis, après 10 mn d'agitation à température ambiante, 87 g de N-[tert-butyloxycarbonyl]-(S)-alanine, et 175 g de O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate. Le mélange hétérogène est ensuite
10 porté à 30°C pendant 3h sous bonne agitation, puis il est refroidi à 0°C et filtré.
Le filtrat est ensuite lavé, puis évaporé à sec pour conduire au produit attendu.

Stade B : *Acide (2S, 3aS, 7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylique :*

- Le résidu obtenu dans le stade précédent (200 g) est mis en solution dans 200 ml de
15 méthylcyclohexane et transféré dans un hydrogénateur, puis 26 g de charbon palladié à 5% en suspension dans 80 ml de méthylcyclohexane sont ajoutés, suivis de 640 ml d'eau.
Le mélange est ensuite hydrogéné sous une pression de 0,5 bar, à une température comprise entre 15 et 30°C, jusqu'à absorption de la quantité théorique d'hydrogène.
Après filtration du catalyseur, la phase aqueuse du filtrat est lavée par du
20 méthylcyclohexane, puis lyophilisée pour conduire au produit attendu avec un rendement de 94%.

Exemple 2 : *Acide (2S, 3aS, 7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylique / méthode 2 :*

- Stade A :** *(2S)-1-[(2S)-2-[(Tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-2,3-dihydro-
25 1H-indole-2-carboxylate de benzyle :*

Dans un réacteur sous agitation sont introduits 200 g du paratoluènesulfonate du 2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate de benzyle, 66 ml de triéthylamine, 1 l d'acétate d'éthyle puis, après 10 mn d'agitation à température ambiante, 89 g de N-[tert-butyloxycarbonyl]-(*S*)-alanine, et 151 g de O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-uronium
5 tétrafluoroborate. Le mélange hétérogène est ensuite porté à 30°C pendant 3h sous bonne agitation, puis il est refroidi à 0°C et filtré.

Le filtrat est ensuite lavé, puis évaporé à sec pour conduire au produit attendu.

Stade B : *Acide (2*S*, 3*aS*, 7*aS*)-1-{(2*S*)-2-[(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl}-octahydro-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylique* :

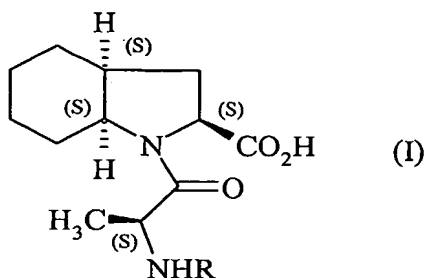
10 Le résidu obtenu dans le stade précédent (200 g) est mis en solution dans 200 ml de méthylcyclohexane et transféré dans un hydrogénateur, puis 26 g de charbon palladié à 5% en suspension dans 80 ml de méthylcyclohexane sont ajoutés, suivis de 640 ml d'eau.

Le mélange est ensuite hydrogéné sous une pression de 0,5 bar, à une température comprise entre 15 et 30°C, jusqu'à absorption de la quantité théorique d'hydrogène
15 nécessaire à la débenzylation, puis le mélange est porté à une température comprise entre 50 et 100°C et hydrogéné sous une pression de 30 bars, jusqu'à absorption de la quantité théorique d'hydrogène nécessaire à l'hydrogénation du cycle.

Après filtration du catalyseur, la phase aqueuse du filtrat est lavée par du méthylcyclohexane, puis lyophilisée pour conduire au produit attendu.

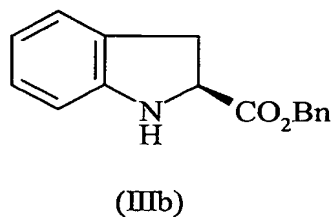
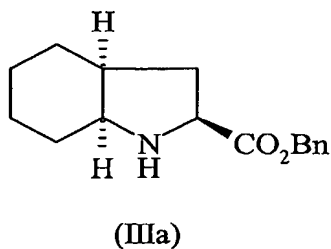
REVENDICATIONS

1. Procédé de synthèse des composés de formule (I)



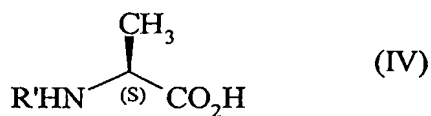
dans laquelle R représente un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupement protecteur de la
5 fonction amino,

caractérisé en ce que l'on met en réaction l'ester benzylique de formule (IIIa) ou (IIIb) :



ou le sel d'addition de l'ester de formule (IIIa) ou (IIIb) avec un acide minéral ou
organique,

10 avec le dérivé de l'alanine de formule (IV) :



dans laquelle R' représente un groupement protecteur de la fonction amino,

en présence d'un agent de couplage choisi parmi les réactifs et couples de réactifs suivants :

(1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate,

15 (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

- (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate/1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,
- (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / N-hydroxysuccinimide,
- (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate /3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazine,
- 5 (1,3-diméthylaminopropyl)-3-éthyl-carbodiimide chlorhydrate / N-hydroxyphtalimide, dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole, dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / N-hydroxysuccinimide, dicyclohexylcarbodiimide /3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazine,
- 10 dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / N-hydroxyphtalimide, O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium hexafluorophosphate, O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium hexafluorophosphate, O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate, benzotriazol-1-yl-oxytripyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
- 15 benzotriazol-1-yl-oxy-tris-(diméthylamino)-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate, O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate, O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(pentaméthylène)-uronium hexafluorophosphate, chloro-tripyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate, chloro-1,1,3,3-bis(tétraméthylène)-formamidinium hexafluorophosphate,
- 20 chloro-1,1,3,3-bis(pentaméthylène)-formamidinium hexafluorophosphate, N-éthoxycarbonyl-2-éthoxy-1,2-dihydroquinoléine, O-[(éthoxycarbonyl)-cyanométhylènamino]-1,1,3,3- tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate, O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate,
- 25 O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate /1-hydroxybenzotriazole, O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate /N-méthylmorpholine, O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tétraméthyluronium tétrafluoroborate /collidine,
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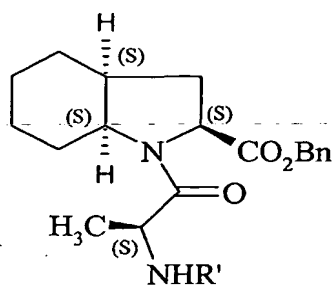
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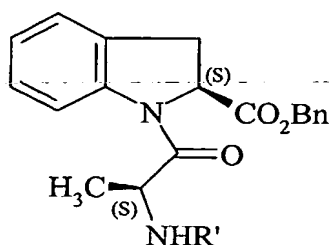
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15 en présence éventuelle de base, pour conduire respectivement au composé de formule (Va) ou (Vb), selon que l'on est parti du composé de formule (IIIa) ou (IIIb) :



(Va)



(Vb)

dans laquelle R' est tel que défini précédemment,

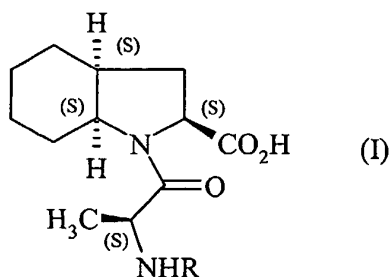
20 que l'on soumet à une réaction d'hydrogénation catalytique en présence de palladium, pour conduire au produit de formule (I).

2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que l'on part du composé de formule (IIIa).
3. Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que l'on part du composé de formule (IIIb).
- 5 4. Procédé selon la revendication 2, caractérisé en ce que la réaction d'hydrogénation du composé de formule (Va) est effectuée sous une pression d'hydrogène inférieure à 10 bars.
5. Procédé selon la revendication 3, caractérisé en ce que la réaction d'hydrogénation du composé de formule (Vb) est effectuée sous une pression d'hydrogène comprise entre
10 10 et 35 bars.
6. Procédé de synthèse du perindopril ou de ses sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables à partir du composé de formule (I), caractérisé en ce que le composé de formule (I) est obtenu par le procédé de synthèse selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5.

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**NOUVEAU PROCEDE DE SYNTHESE DE DERIVES DE L'ACIDE (2S, 3aS, 7aS)-
1-[(S)-ALANYL]-OCTAHYDRO-1H-INDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIQUE ET
APPLICATION A LA SYNTHESE DU PERINDOPRIL**

5 Procédé de synthèse des composés de formule (I) :



10 dans laquelle R. représente un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupement protecteur de la
fonction amino.

Application à la synthèse du perindopril et de ses sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables.

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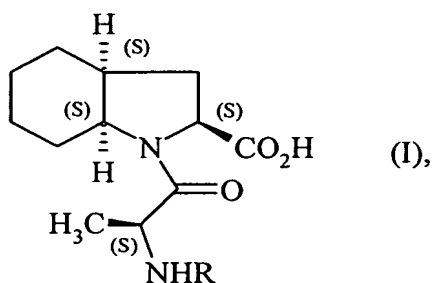
**NEW PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF (2S,3aS,7aS)-1-[(S)-ALANYL]-
OCTAHYDRO-1*H*-INDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID COMPOUNDS AND
APPLICATION IN THE SYNTHESIS OF PERINDOPRIL**

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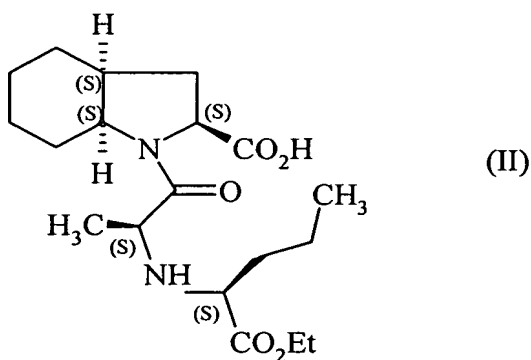
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The present invention relates to a process for the synthesis of compounds of formula (I) :



wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for the amino function,

and to their application in the synthesis of perindopril of formula (II) :



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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Perindopril and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and more especially its tert-butylamine salt, have valuable pharmacological properties.

Their principal property is that of inhibiting angiotensin I converting enzyme (or
 10 kininase II), which allows, on the one hand, prevention of the conversion of the decapeptide angiotensin I to the octapeptide angiotensin II (a vasoconstrictor) and, on the other hand, prevention of the degradation of bradykinin (a vasodilator) to an inactive peptide.

Those two actions contribute to the beneficial effects of perindopril in cardiovascular
 15 diseases, more especially in arterial hypertension and heart failure.

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Perindopril, its preparation and its use in therapeutics have been described in European patent specification EP 0 049 658.

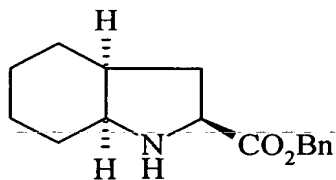
In view of the pharmaceutical value of this compound, it has been important to be able to obtain it by an effective synthesis process, readily transposable to an industrial scale, that leads to perindopril in a good yield and with excellent purity.

Patent specification EP 0 308 341 describes the industrial synthesis of perindopril by the coupling of (2*S*,3*aS*,7*aS*)-octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester with N-[(*S*)-1-carboxybutyl]-(*S*)-alanine ethyl ester in the presence of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, followed by deprotection of the carboxylic group of the heterocycle by catalytic hydrogenation.

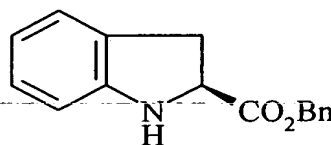
That process has disadvantages related to use of the dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

The Applicant has developed a process for the synthesis of perindopril that uses other coupling agents.

More specifically, the present invention relates to a process for the synthesis of perindopril, which process is characterised in that the benzyl ester of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) :



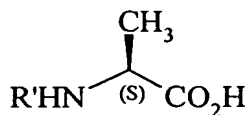
(IIIa)



(IIIb)

or an addition salt of the ester of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) with a mineral acid or organic acid is reacted

with the alanine compound of formula (IV) :



(IV),

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wherein R' represents a protecting group for the amino function,

in the presence of a coupling agent selected from the following reagents and pairs of reagents :

- (1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride,
- 5 (1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,
(1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride / 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,
- (1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride / N-hydroxysuccinimide,
(1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride / 3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-
- 10 4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazine,
- (1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride / N-hydroxyphthalimide,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / N-hydroxysuccinimide,
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / 3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazine,
- 15 dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / N-hydroxyphthalimide,
- O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate,
O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate,
O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate,
benzotriazol-1-yl-oxytripyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
- 20 benzotriazol-1-yl-oxy-tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
- O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium hexafluorophosphate,
O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(pentamethylene)uronium hexafluorophosphate,
chloro-tripyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate,
chloro-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)formamidinium hexafluorophosphate,
- 25 chloro-1,1,3,3-bis(pentamethylene)formamidinium hexafluorophosphate,
- N-ethoxycarbonyl-2-ethoxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline,
O-[(ethoxycarbonyl)-cyanomethyleneamino]-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate,
O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoro-
- 30 borate,
O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoro-
- borate / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

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O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate / N-methylmorpholine,

O-(3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate / collidine,

5 O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate,

O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium hexafluorophosphate,

O-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-1-pyridyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium hexafluoro-

10 phosphate / 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole,

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O-(N-succinimidyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium tetrafluoroborate,

O-(N-succinimidyl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium tetrafluoroborate / 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole,

15 O-(5-norbornene-2,3-dicarboximido)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate,

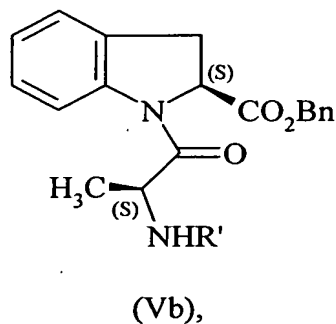
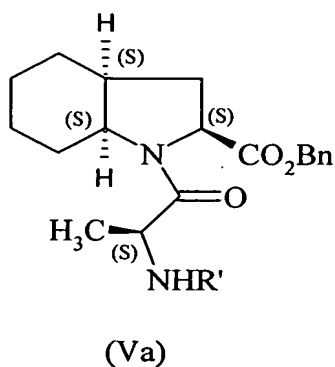
propanephosphonic anhydride,

N-hydroxy-5-norbornene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid imide,

and N-hydroxy-1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-pyridine,

optionally in the presence of a base,

20 to yield the compound of formula (Va) or (Vb), respectively, depending on whether the compound of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) is used as starting material :



wherein R' is as defined hereinbefore,

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which is subjected to a catalytic hydrogenation reaction in the presence of palladium to yield the product of formula (I).

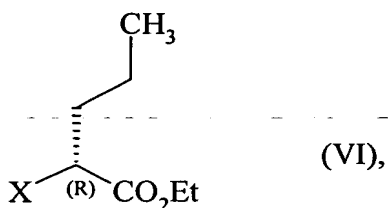
Among the protecting groups for the amino function which can be used in the present invention, there may be mentioned, without implying any limitation, the tert-
5 butyloxycarbonyl, benzyl and benzyloxycarbonyl groups.

The catalytic hydrogenation of the compound of formula (Va) is preferably carried out under a hydrogen pressure of less than 10 bars.

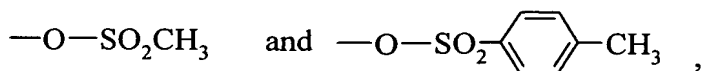
The catalytic hydrogenation of the compound of formula (Vb) is preferably carried out under a hydrogen pressure of from 10 to 35 bars.

10 The compound of formula (I) thereby obtained is then subjected, if required, to a reaction deprotecting the amino function, followed by a coupling reaction either with ethyl 2-oxo-pentanoate under conditions of reductive amination

or with a compound of formula (VI) :



15 wherein X represents a leaving group selected from halogen,



to yield optically pure perindopril, which is converted, if desired, into a pharmaceutically acceptable salt such as the tert-butylamine salt.

The Examples hereinbelow illustrate the invention.

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Example 1 : *(2S,3aS,7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid / method 1 :*

Step A : *Benzyl (2S,3aS,7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylate :*

- 5 200 g of (2S,3aS,7aS)-octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester para-toluene-sulphonate, 65 ml of triethylamine and 1 litre of ethyl acetate are introduced into a stirred reactor, followed, after stirring for 10 minutes at ambient temperature, by 87 g of N-[tert-butyloxycarbonyl]-(S)-alanine and 175 g of O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium hexafluorophosphate. The heterogeneous mixture is then heated at
- 10 30°C for 3 hours whilst stirring well and is then cooled to 0°C and filtered.
- The filtrate is then washed and subsequently evaporated to dryness to yield the expected product.

Step B : *(2S,3aS,7aS)-1-[(2S)-2-[(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl]-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid :*

- 15 The residue obtained in the previous Step (200 g) is dissolved in 200 ml of methylcyclohexane and transferred to a hydrogenator; 26 g of 5 % palladium-on-carbon suspended in 80 ml of methylcyclohexane are then added, followed by 640 ml of water.
- The mixture is then hydrogenated under a pressure of 0.5 bar at a temperature of from 15 to 30°C, until the theoretical amount of hydrogen has been absorbed.
- 20 After filtering off the catalyst, the aqueous phase of the filtrate is washed with methylcyclohexane and then lyophilised to yield the expected product in a yield of 94 %.

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Example 2 : *(2S,3aS,7aS)-1-{(2S)-2-[(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl}-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid / method 2 :*

Step A : *Benzyl (2S)-1-{(2S)-2-[(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl}-2,3-dihydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylate :*

- 5 200 g of benzyl 2,3-dihydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylate para-toluenesulphonate, 66 ml of triethylamine and 1 litre of ethyl acetate are introduced into a stirred reactor, followed, after stirring for 10 minutes at ambient temperature, by 89 g of N-[tert-butyloxycarbonyl]-(S)-alanine and 151 g of O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-bis(tetramethylene)uronium tetrafluoroborate. The heterogeneous mixture is then heated at 30°C for 3 hours whilst
- 10 stirring well and is then cooled to 0°C and filtered.
- The filtrate is then washed and subsequently evaporated to dryness to yield the expected product.

Step B : *(2S,3aS,7aS)-1-{(2S)-2-[(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-amino]-propionyl}-octahydro-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid :*

- 15 The residue obtained in the previous Step (200 g) is dissolved in 200 ml of methylcyclohexane and transferred to a hydrogenator; 26 g of 5 % palladium-on-carbon suspended in 80 ml of methylcyclohexane are then added, followed by 640 ml of water.

The mixture is then hydrogenated under a pressure of 0.5 bar at a temperature of from 15 to 30°C, until the theoretical amount of hydrogen required for debenzylation has been

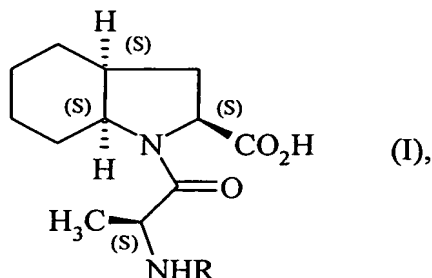
20 absorbed; the mixture is then heated to a temperature of from 50 to 100°C and hydrogenated under a pressure of 30 bars until the theoretical amount of hydrogen required for hydrogenation of the ring has been absorbed.

After filtering off the catalyst, the aqueous phase of the filtrate is washed with methylcyclohexane and then lyophilised to yield the expected product.

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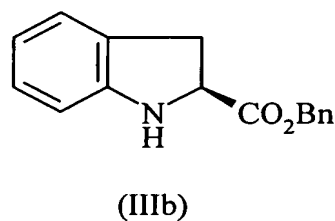
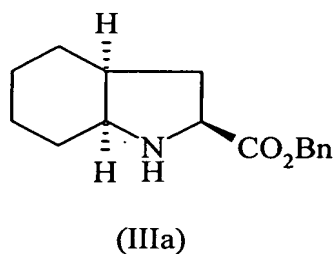
CLAIMS

1. Process for the synthesis of compounds of formula (I)



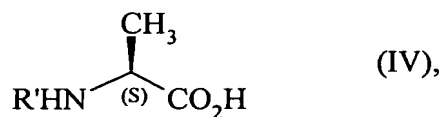
wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for the amino function,

5 characterised in that the benzyl ester of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) :



or an addition salt of the ester of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) with a mineral acid or organic acid is reacted

with the alanine compound of formula (IV) :



wherein R' represents a protecting group for the amino function,

in the presence of a coupling agent selected from the following reagents and pairs of reagents :

(1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride,

15 (1,3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride / 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

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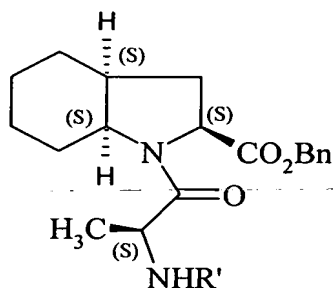
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dicyclohexylcarbodiimide / 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,
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borate,
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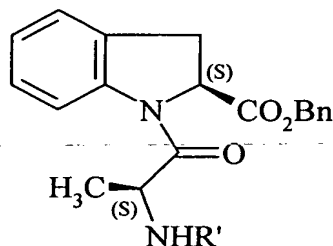
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 10 O-(5-norbornene-2,3-dicarboximido)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate,
 propanephosphonic anhydride,
 N-hydroxy-5-norbornene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid imide,
 and N-hydroxy-1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-pyridine,

optionally in the presence of a base,

15 to yield the compound of formula (Va) or (Vb), respectively, depending on whether the
 compound of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) is used as starting material :



(Va)



(Vb),

wherein R' is as defined hereinbefore,

20 which is subjected to a catalytic hydrogenation reaction in the presence of palladium to
 yield the product of formula (I).

2. Process according to claim 1, characterised in that the compound of formula (IIIa) is
 used as starting material.

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3. Process according to claim 1, characterised in that the compound of formula (IIIb) is used as starting material.

4. Process according to claim 2, characterised in that the hydrogenation reaction on the compound of formula (Va) is carried out under a hydrogen pressure of less than 10 bars.

5. Process according to claim 3, characterised in that the hydrogenation reaction on the compound of formula (Vb) is carried out under a hydrogen pressure of from 10 to 35 bars.

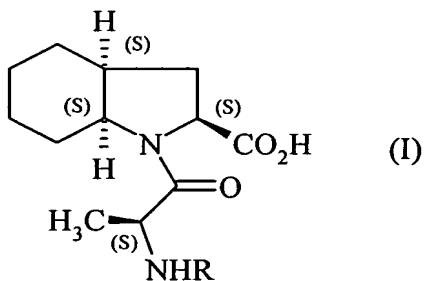
6. Process for the synthesis of perindopril or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof starting from a compound of formula (I), characterised in that the said compound of formula (I) is obtained by the synthesis process according to any one of claims 1 to 5.

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ABSTRACT

**NEW PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF (2S,3aS,7aS)-1-[(S)-ALANYL]-
OCTAHYDRO-1H-INDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID COMPOUNDS AND
APPLICATION IN THE SYNTHESIS OF PERINDOPRIL**

- 5 Process for the synthesis of compounds of formula (I) :



wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for the amino function.

- 10 Application in the synthesis of perindopril and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

☐ agent

☒ common
representative

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)

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☒ applicant and inventor
☐ inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)

Applicant's registration No. with the Office

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State (that is, country) of residence:
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This person is applicant for the purposes of:

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The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 10 December 2003 (10/12/03)	03293085.1		EP	
item (2)				
item (3)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☐ all items ☐ item (1) ☐ item (2) ☐ item (3) ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

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Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i) | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | : |
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request (including declaration sheets) : 4	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	: 1
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claims : 4	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	:
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tables related thereto :	9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in electronic form (indicate type and number of carriers)	:
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